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SUBJ: EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES: FULBRIGHT LECTURER LEJAREN HILLER

1. ON AUGUST 6 CAO KEY AGAIN CALLED THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, INQUIRING ABOUT STATUS OF APPROVAL FOR HILLER'S GRANT. MINISTRY OFFICIAL MAREK ZIELINSKI STATED THAT THE RECTOR OF THE HIGHER SCHOOL OF MUSIC HAD DECIDED THAT SHE DID NOT NEED HILLER'S SERVICES AS LECTURER AND THAT THE MINISTER OF CULTURE HAD DECIDED, AS A CONSEQUENCE, THAT THERE WAS NO NEED TO APPROVE HI INVITATION FOR THIS YEAR. KEY NOTED THAT IT WAS INCONCEIVABLE THAT SUCH A DECISION COULD BE SO LIGHTLY TAKEN SIX MONTHS AFTER HIS NAME WAS SUBMITTED AS A CANDIDATE AND ONLY TEN DAYS BEFORE HE WAS TO LEAVE FOR POLAND, HAVING CUT HIS ACADEMIC AND PERSONAL TIES FOR ONE YEAR. KEY FURTHER STATED THAT THE NEGATIVE DECISION, IF ALLOWED TO STAND, COULD ONLY HAVE A SERIOUS ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES. ZIELINSKI SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION AND REGRETTED THE INCONVENIENCE CAUSED PROFESSOR HILLER. HE PROMISED HE WOULD REOPEN AND PRESS THE ISSUE WITH THE MINISTER AND ASKED FOR TWO MORE DAYS TO COME UP WITH SOME SOLUTION.

2. THE CAO, IN AN EFFORT TO COVER ALL POSSIBLE AREAS OF SUPPORT, CALLED MR. PAWLISZEWSKI AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DESCRIBED THE PROBLEM TO HIM. HE, TOO, REGRETTED THE DIFFICULTY AND SAID HE WOULD MAKE IMMEDIATE INQUIRIES. IN LESS THAN AN HOUR HE CALLED BACK TO STATE THAT HE HAD GOOD NEWS, THAT HILLER'S GRANT WAS BEING RE-EXAMINED BY THE MINISTER OF CULTURE. HE TOO

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ASKED THAT WE BE PATIENT FOR A WHILE LONGER, BECAUSE THEIR BUREAU-

CRATIC PROCESS COULD TAKE AT LEAST TWO DAYS MORE. BUT, ALTHOUGH HE COULD NOT GIVE US A PERSONAL GUARANTEE OF SUCCESS, HE FELT 99 PERCENT SURE HILLER WOULD FINALLY BE APPROVED TO COME TO POLAND.

3. IN ANSWER TO KEY'S QUESTION ABOUT THE REASON FOR THE INORDINATE DELAY, HE INSISTED THAT IT HAD BEEN CAUSED ONLY BY DIFFICULTIES OF FINDING AN INSTITUTION TO FINANCE THE POLISH PORTION OF THE GRANT, MEANING A POLISH SALARY AND LIVING QUARTERS.

4. PLEASE INFORM HILLER THAT THE EMBASSY IS TENACIOUSLY MONITORING THE PROBLEM HOPING THAT A SOLUTION WILL COME BEFORE HIS AUGUST 16 DEPARTURE DATE.
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